

FULTON IS WILLING TO ACCEPT HEAVYWEIGHT CROWN AS A CHRISTMAS PRESENT FOR HIMSELF

FREDWARD FULTON AGAIN DARES J. WILLARD TO QUIT HIS CIRCUS AND FIGHT FOR CHAMPIONSHIP

Magnacious Plasterer Posts Forfeit and Says He Will Claim Heavyweight Title if Match Is Not Arranged by December 20

FREDWARD THE FURIOUS is again. The precarious, pugilistic plasterer has emerged from his retirement and now is running loose through these United States. The Fulton person for it is indeed he—is hot on the trail of J. Willard, and declares in stentorian tones that he will force the principal part of the circus into the ring to defend his title or something. He will not take no for an answer, and if the heavyweight champ declines the invitation Fredward will claim the title. He says so himself.

It will be remembered that Fulton was dug up in the wilds of Rochester, Minn., as the logical opponent for Willard a couple of years ago. Tom Jones, the astute, to say nothing of clever, manager of Jess, did the digging. In those days Fredward was very much of the portland-cream variety and had a social standing equal to that of Andre Anderson and other lum performers. That meant nothing to Jones, however, for the match was made and New Orleans selected as the meeting place. Every one was fooled except the sports writers, and after they got through panning the match it was called off. In the meantime Fulton went out to get a reputation and met such top-notchers as Jim Flynn, Porky Flynn and other athletes, who were considered good before the Spanish-American War. Fredward knocked the tar out of the Flynn family and then sought bigger game. He scored notable victories over Tom Cowler, Al Beach, Charley Weiner, Sam Langford and Carl Morris, and recently hung on on Gusloot Smith's chin for a bull-eye. This record looks good, but how about some of the other heavyweights? Jim Coffey, Bartley Madden, Frank Moran and Bill Brennan are anxious to meet the plasterer, but Fredward ignores their challenges.

Fulton wants the championship, but we can't blame him for that. Whether or not he is good enough to win it is another matter. He has posted a forfeit to bind a match with Willard, and if Jess doesn't accept by December 20 Fredward will claim the title and defend it as he sees fit. Fred says he is done fooling with Willard and insists that the clump talk business.

A MATCH with Willard will be a big thing for Fulton from a financial viewpoint. The loser's share will be quite large and worth taking a chance for. We do not care to discuss the athletic ability of the challenger, but he would look a great deal better if he trimmed a few good heavyweights and proved his claim to the crowd.

Tener and Johnson Take Opposite Sides in Baseball Fuss

TROUBLE is brewing in the ranks of the American and National Leagues as the date of the annual meetings approaches. Ben Johnson, who handles the destinies of the American circuit, is ready to put through a 140-game schedule and an eighteen-player limit, while Presy Tener, of the National, appears to be holding out for the old staff—twenty-one players to each club and a schedule of 134 games. Teamwork is necessary in a case like this, for if the signals get all balled up something serious is likely to happen. The bosses must work in unison, but judging from the storm clouds which are beginning to hover over the landscape, Johnson and Tener are getting along like a pair of friendly mile posts.

There always are two sides to a question, and such is the case in the baseball argument. Johnson fears a disastrous season with weak clubs, poor attendance and little interest in the game. He is strong for a retraining policy which, from where we are sitting, looks like good business judgment. Big Ben dominates the junior circuit, so he is virtually a cliché that he will put his ideas across at the meeting in Chicago. On the other hand, however, Tener has something to say. President John does not believe conditions are as serious as Ben pictures them, and avers that the twenty-one-player limit, with the 134-game schedule, should go "in it." He declares that baseball is big enough to stand a loss if necessary, but there should be no effort to shorten the season. The game is a national institution, he believes, and should be maintained at all costs. Tener's ideas are patriotic—there is no question about that—but how they will be received by a gang of hard-headed business men is something else again.

LARGE wads of money have been invested in baseball, but despite the huge attendance figures the profits usually are small. The expenses are great, and it takes a woe series contender to finish the season on the right side of the ledger.

Joint Meeting in Chicago Should Be Interesting

THE present schedule, which was arranged in Chicago Tuesday, is as follows: The National League will meet in New York next Tuesday for the annual confab, and on the same day the American convenes in Chicago. The meetings will last two days, and on Thursday, December 14, a joint session will be held in Chicago. This plan looks good from an American League standpoint, but rather hazy in the Tener camp. The American League usually cleans up all of its business in one day, while it takes the National almost a week. The magnates usually devote a day or so in informal discussions and another day before anything definite is done. Then on the fourth day official action is taken. Secretary John Heydler reads a statement to the newspaper men and the meeting adjourns. They take their time in the old league, and this gives the various managers a chance to wander through the hotel lobbies to talk business with their associates. Many trades are put through at the annual meeting and lots of baseball dope spilled through the corridors. In all, the National gatherings are wonderful affairs and extremely important.

Because there are so many older players in the league, the National will not be weakened so much as the American this year because of the draft. For example, take our Phillies; Cravath, Pasieck and Schulte are above the age, and Luderus, Niehoff and Dugay also have escaped. "Cone" Bender, Lavender and perhaps Fitterly will be back to do the pitching, and if a catcher is needed Pat Moran can get back into the game. In the Johnson circuit many clubs are in bad shape. The Athletics lost several good men, and the others have suffered. The Red Sox, however, have lost nearly all of their men. Six of Barry's men already have enlisted, and it is said that Janvry, "Dutch" Leonard and "Tlim" Walker are ready to join the colors. Dick Holtzclott, after being rejected, is undergoing a surgical operation so he can pass the test.

BAN JOHNSON evidently knows what he is talking about when he recommended a shorter schedule. He also realized it would be a difficult thing to take care of a big payroll, not only in actual salaries, but traveling expenses as well. The magnates have something to think about this year.

Speaking About Service Flays

IT IS an old saying that a fellow can live in a town for a year and never learn the good points of the place. The writer happened to pass by the Victrix clubhouse yesterday and the house looked deserted. A natural condition for the middle of the afternoon, but the place seemed to have an appearance as solemn as the big church across the street.

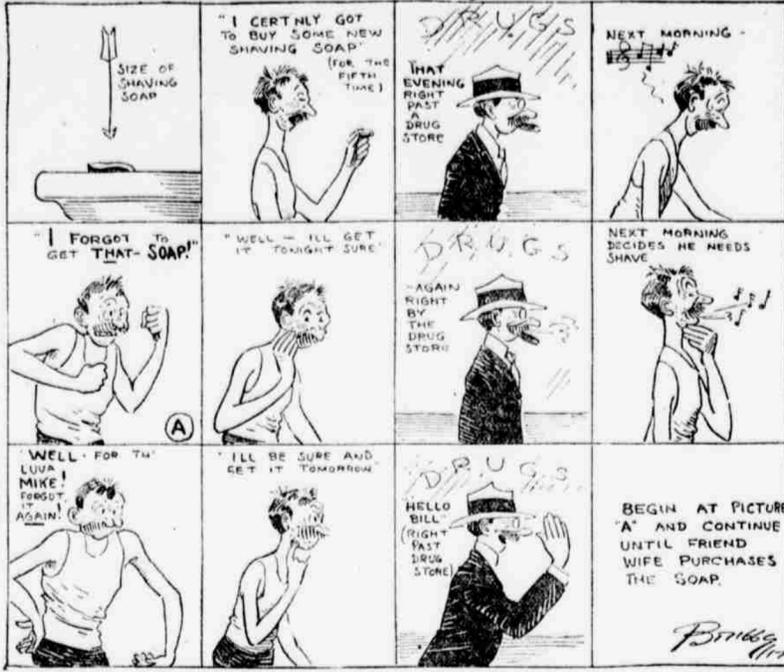
A great big American flag waved from the front room on the second floor and another big banner told its own story. Six stars in a row and eighteen down—a total of 24—star representing a man in ideal physical shape to help Uncle Sam. No wonder the Victrix boys have been out of the papers. We don't know the exact membership at the "Vic" and this is a sort of surprise for them, so we did not bother to call and ask. Perhaps the big game has taken the club press agent. It at least has taken and been given its best. The West Philadelphia organization has won many laurels on the athletic field and it can safely say that it has answered the big call. Its members will take care of the rest.

PERHAPS there are many other clubs and possibly a greater number of stars. This is not written with the intent of slighting any one. We would be pleased to give all the clubs their due—but unexpectedly walking into a service flay with 188 stars out of makes one want to take his hat off or something.

Leonard May Sign for Twenty Rounds

REPORTS from the West state that Billy Gibson, manager of Benny Leonard, will stop over in Chi and hold converse with Nate Lewis, manager of Charley White, the Chicago lightweight, who has been moved to Camp Custer, at Battle Creek, Mich., as boxing instructor. The idea is to have a twenty-round go arranged somewhere in the West. Gibson apparently is taking seriously the idea that Government officials may put a ban on the instructors. White is a good boy, but just why he should be picked is open to argument. Johnny Tillman came very near giving Charley White lessons in this Irish Patsy Cline, Frankie Callahan, Willie Jackson and Johnny White each is entitled to meet Leonard. The question is what chance the boys would have to step twenty chapters. White is a tough customer, boys fitted for the longer distance. Gibson should dispose of the talent, and he will likely do so. Leonard's manager has all the confidence in the world in Benny and this confidence may mean a new championship. Patsy Cline now is working for his bout at the Olympia next week. Leonard and Lewis are trying to bring the championship to the Irish White, but it is to Frankie Callahan. The idea then would be to have a twenty-round go arranged somewhere in the West.

MOVIE OF A MAN WITH A POOR MEMORY



SCRAPPERS OUT FOR UNIQUE MARK

Leonard, Cline and Callahan Each Has Finished Rivals in a Round

FAN WINS AND LOSES

By BILL BELL

"The boxing fan has been getting a run for his money and set his appetite to appetite. This is the condition of affairs today. The cause of this situation may be traced to the boxer who seems to be in a rush to catch a train or something. Three times in the last fortnight a bout has terminated before the bell for the end of the first round.

Then Came Callahan

Then along came Frankie Callahan. Frankie has been given more press stuff than Carter has pills. We wanted to give him the double. As Frankie and Leonard, Tracy and eighteen seconds after the bell sounded the curtain was drawn. Frankie had intended to make good, and he did it admirably.

Now Comes Cline

On top of this is the wire from Providence. Irish Patsy Cline met Jimmy Paul. Patsy's big wins never have ended on nights figuring Patsy's record, but he was said to be a bear. Jimmy may be good, but Cline is a bear. The bout was scheduled to go twelve rounds, but it didn't go on. One minute and thirty seconds after the boys got away Paul was decimating the canvas. These results are truly wonderful and the winners are entitled to the glory. Cline is matched to meet Leonard and somebody will have to stop.

Scraps About Scrappers

Jack Blaehren will be forced to show his best tomorrow night in the final at the Camden. The contest is expected to be the most exciting of the season.

Tomorrow night a bout will be held in Cleveland between Tommie Ransick and Jerry Harson. The prize is expected to be the best in the city.

Fighting Bobby Burns will show in the west at the National on Saturday night. His opponent will be Jack Miller. The latter has lost to Leonard and is a heavy boy.

Johnny Burns has landed a good match for the 1st of January. He will fight Jack Miller in a star bout.

A twenty-round affair will be fought at New Orleans tomorrow night. The prize is expected to be the best in the city.

Red Dolan, a southern crack, will be seen in the promotion New Orleans winter. His opponent will be Young Monroe, the Irish boxer.

District championships will be at stake at the Columbia tomorrow night. Charley Bear, of the Philadelphia team, will square with Shortstop Roger Hornsby of the Cardinals.

Johnny Griffiths, of Akron, O., and Young Denny, of the promotion New Orleans winter, might have been matched for twenty rounds at the National on Saturday night.

Battling Dundee opens the show at the National against George Remondie on Saturday night. The prize is expected to be the best in the city.

NO CHANCE FOR CUBS TO BUY HORNSBY

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 6.—(Special) Branch St. Louis National League Baseball Club, is much exercised at the repeated statements made by Charlie Weegman, president of the Chicago Cubs, that he was sure to secure Shortstop Roger Hornsby from the Cardinals.

FRANK ERNE, OLD LIGHTWEIGHT CHAMPION, AND FRANK KRAMER, RACER, ARE GENUINE GOLF BUGS

Every Sport in the World Has Felt Lure of Royal and Ancient Game and Golf Converts Are Being Made Every Day

By PETER PUTTER

THE lure of golf has captured in turn the followers of every other phase of athletic life. One of the reasons that cricket is dying out in this country, and that tennis is being abandoned, is that the older and younger generations prefer the royal and ancient game to the English game of tennis.

Evening Ledger Decisions of Last Night's Ring Bouts

St. Paul—Benny Leonard stopped Gene Delmont. Irish Patsy Cline stopped Jimmy Paul inside of two minutes. Johnny Burns defeated Tommie Ransick. Frankie Callahan defeated Jack Miller. Patsy Cline met Jimmy Paul.

Kramer Golf Field Now

This system proved satisfactory until last spring, when Kramer admits he felt himself begin to get out of control. He began to worry over his condition. This made matters worse. The champion did not train with his usual regularity. He was not in the best of health. He was not in the best of health.

Notes of the Bowlers

In Artisan section A series, rolled on Keystone Alley last night. Underdown won two games from Delmont and Callahan. Underdown won two from Delmont and Callahan.

EVERY BASEBALL PASS TO COST HOLDER \$6.16

New War Tax Will Be Collected at Beginning of Season

CHICAGO, Dec. 6.—A uniform method of collecting the war tax on passes to baseball games, it was said yesterday, would be one of the major subjects to come before the Joint meeting here December 12 of the club owners of the two major leagues, arranged at a conference between August H. Smith, chairman of the National Commission, and B. B. Johnson, president of the American League.

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U. S. MARINES WIN NAVY YARD TITLE

Capture Gridiron Title by Defeating Naval Training School

SAILORS FIGHT HARD

By PAUL PREP

Captain Rex Hogan's Marines won the title with a single knockout blow yesterday afternoon when they defeated the Naval Training School of League Island by the score of 18-0. The "soldiers of the sea" are now the champions of the Philadelphia Navy Yard and champions of the United States navy.

The game was played down in the navy yard and was witnessed by several thousand spectators and soldiers. The former had their famous band and by playing "We're Going Over" the Naval School's spirit broke. Only a few civilians were around the side line.

The second team of the Marines won the game in the superior play. Touchdowns were scored in the first, second and fourth periods. The attempts to add the extra point each time were futile. Although the Marines won by a comfortable margin, the progress of Lieutenant Favaris offered the most stubborn resistance, and it was not until the fourth quarter that the superiority of the winners was settled.

After a straight football, the Marines crossed the Naval School's goal line in the first and second periods. But with the starting of the third period the Naval team took on a new lease of life or something. The Marines were "first to light" but the N. T. S. finished the battle. It was necessary for the Marines to stop in an effort to prevent a free-for-all during the remainder of the third and most of the fourth periods the ball changed hands every few minutes. Finally, the Marines near the end of the contest secured possession of the pigskin on their opponents' 20-yard line and in the fourth period successfully made an air raid on the Naval goal line. On a kick formation Naval hurled the leather over the goal line to right end Taylor. This ended the scoring for the afternoon.

Conceivably has been selected captain of the La Salle College football team for 1918. The new leader played right tackle on the team this year and was named "S" by the team. He is a member of the Phi Kappa Psi fraternity and is a member of the department at La Salle and will continue his studies in the college department.

Scouting candidates were called out at central high school yesterday. Five veterans were among the twenty-five who answered the call. Major, Arthur Strong, Sumnerfield, Fiddlers and Egan. If Miller is named, he will be elected captain. He will no doubt be elected captain.

Basketball practice started at La Salle College yesterday under the direction of Captain Downey. Downey was elected this year's leader several days ago at a meeting of the year's leaders. It is not known whether Lou Sutherland, last year's coach, will return to resume his duties, as the former Gridlock star is playing with the Cardinals. If Sutherland does not accept the position Jack Keogh, the former Penn at, may take the position. Games are being arranged with Penn Prep, Toms School and the leading prep schools in this section.

The athletic committee of Frankford High has awarded the following men their letter for football: Oebert, Carroll, Taylor, Volinsky, Battersby, Youm, Bennett, Watter, Beauchamp, Newhouse, Lechler and Helman.

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EDDIE COLLINS DEMONSTRATED THAT A LEFT-HANDED BATTER NEED NOT FEAR SOUTHPAWS

Bats 400 Against Best of Left-Handers and This Shows There Is Nothing to Old Theory We've Heard So Much About

By GRANTLAND RICE

The Real Affair

Capturing animals for the zoo is a rather more hazardous undertaking than hunting them with a rifle. —Magazine exchange.

Shooting lions on the run From a hundred yards away— Think you this is risky work? Not a bit of it, say: If your courage you would show With a nerve that doesn't fail, Grapple him without a blow— Lead him homeward by the tail.

Groping through the jungle wild, Shooting tigers, hit or miss, 'Tis the courage of a child That would have a trial, like this; Lead your gun behind and creep Softly, with no touch of fear, Jump upon him while asleep, Yank him outward by the ear.

Who is it that could not hit In the forty-fifty yard lead? While you pepper them with lead? But it takes a deeper spirit On the hardy jungle tramp When you pluck one by the trunk And escort him back to camp.

Where's the nerve in talking him At a bow constrictor's eye? My kid could play that game And undoubtedly get by; But the job's another size When you seize and drag him through, Standing him, despite his cries, To the keeper of the Zoo.

EDDIE COLLINS proved well enough that the proper sort of left-handed batsman is under no great handicap facing left-handers from the rifle pit. In the late series Eddie put in most of his time facing southpaws. He stood against Saliba, Schupp and Benton, with only a few scattered shots at Poll Parritt. Yet Collins emerged with an average well above .400.

The answer as to why a good left-handed batter can't hit a good right-handed pitcher is simple enough. He can.

Our pick for all-time line-breaking fullback—THE TANK.

The Canadian stood when the Germans first batted him gas at Ypres. Did the Germans stand when the English sent in their tanks? Sure. They stood with their hands up yelling "Kamerad."

Golf Maxim Speaking of the Ancient Greeks in football, as we sometimes do, they leave

Amateur Notes

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